

REMARKS

Status of Claims:

Claims 1-3, 7-8, 10, 15-17, 21-22, 37-39, 44-45 and 47-49 have been cancelled. Thus claims 4-6, 9, 11-14, 18-20, 23-36, 40-43 and 46 remain for examination.

Objected to and Allowed Claims:

Applicant has cancelled all claims rejected over the prior art. Claims that have been objected to have now been placed into independent form. These claims, together with the previously allowed claims constitute the only remaining claims in the application.

Reference Omitted from Form PTO-892

Applicant draws the examiners attention to the fact that the Florman patent 6,377,975 was mentioned on page 7, paragraph 9 of the outstanding office action but the examiner apparently inadvertently omitted listing this reference on the PTO-892 form. The examiner is requested to properly list the reference.

Floppy Disk:

As requested by the examiner, a floppy disk containing the instant amendment is being submitted herewith.

Conclusions:

It is thus submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

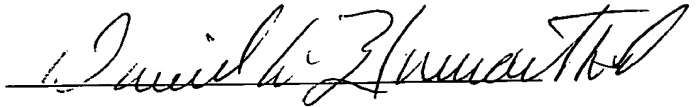
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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